



NEWS RELEASE

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TWENTY THREE OF NSW'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST RECEIVE CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIPS

Twenty-three people from across NSW will seek out innovation in their fields of expertise on an international scale.

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust is very proud to today confirm the 23 successful NSW Fellows for 2015.

They are amongst 109 50th Anniversary Fellows from across Australia who will further their passions and expertise abroad, and bring back their findings for the benefit of the wider Australian community.

The Churchill Trust was established 50 years ago, immediately after Sir Winston Churchill's death on 24 January 1965, and since then has enabled more than 4000 Australians to make a significant contribution to improve our country for the better.

The 50th anniversary makes this year's announcement all the more significant, as it marks the official beginning of a year of celebration of the Trust and the achievements of its thousands of Fellows.

"These 23 men and women have incredible diversity in terms of where they are from and their interests, but they have two things in common," said Paul Tys, CEO of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

The Fellows are all well positioned in their fields to make a real difference to Australia, and the Trust grants a unique opportunity to help them gain unfettered access to world-experts in areas that still need development here at home.

"The Fellowships encourage people with a variety of professional and personal motivations to go overseas and investigate an area of merit, and then return to Australia and share their findings.

"Each of the Fellows selected has already demonstrated exceptional commitment and drive, and wants to benefit Australia by developing their own knowledge and skills."

Some of the successful projects include:

- Identifying best practice methods of planning and managing disaster memorials
- Physically analysing and referencing artworks from the First Fleet
- Exploring the best way to foster a local and national cardiac genomic network
- Investigating options for reducing the risk of mesothelioma through government initiatives
- Exploring disability-led practices in theatre, and inclusive training and mentoring models
- Increasing the number of women and ethnically diverse people in Australian Fire Agencies
- Investigating techniques to produce species-rich native seed crops for biodiversity restoration
- Identifying success or failure factors in relocation schemes for at-risk coastal communities

The Fellowships are valued at an average of \$25,000 each and will see the Fellows travel to the far edges of the globe in search of excellence.

For more information about the Churchill Trust, including the work of Fellows, see www.churchilltrust.com.au

The full list of NSW recipients is included below.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

Dr Antoinette Anazodo – FAIRLIGHT

To identify gaps in the delivery of oncofertility (cancer and fertility) care in Australia - USA

Ms Alison Black – SANS SOUCI

To learn from best practice international to make documentaries featuring marginalised people – USA, UK

Ms Jo-Ann Brown – EASTWOOD

To investigate effective care programs for people living with dementia in prison – NZ, USA

Mr Chris Cooper – NOWRA

To transform Australia's community solar sector by learning from the world's best – USA, UK, Germany

Ms Anna Cronin – WESTMEAD

To investigate the optimal management of speech problems in toddlers with cleft palate – New Zealand, Brazil, USA, Denmark

Dr David Cullen – BENSVILLE

Research school reform internationally to inform the implementation of the Australian curriculum – UK, Ireland, Canada, USA

Mr Warwick Fyfe – MERRYLANDS

To obtain tuition in Wagnerian vocal technique from Wagner specialists of international status – Germany, UK, USA

Dr Paul Gibson Roy – COLLAROY

Investigate techniques for producing species-rich native seed crops for biodiversity restoration - USA

Miss Prue Golland – RYDE

Evidence based interventions for maximising gross motor outcomes in children with cerebral palsy – Sweden, Belgium, UK

Mr Dylan Gower – COWRA

Place-made development within Regional Communities to explore the designing of local initiatives – Japan, Canada, Sweden, Finland

Ms Kate Hughes – HUNTERS HILL

Physical analysis of core reference collection of dated First Fleet artworks - UK

Dr Melissa Kaltner – MARRICKVILLE SOUTH

Understanding the role of adoption in creating stability for children unable to live safely at home – Finland, Sweden, Norway, UK, Ireland, Spain, Malaysia

Ms Bronnie Mackintosh – WEST WALLSEND

To promote and increase numbers of women and ethnically diverse people in Australian Fire Agencies – Japan, India, UK, Iran, Sweden, Canada, USA

Mr Andrew Morgan – ERSKINVILLE

To investigate the options for reducing the risk of mesothelioma through government initiatives, Poland, Belgium, Italy, Germany, UK, Sweden, Denmark

Ms Amanda Nichols – EDGECLIFF

To develop expertise in traditional and current practices of corsetry and couture womenswear – UK, France, Japan

Mr Matthew Pepper – NEWPORT

To research international models and innovation in Tactical Emergency Medical Support – USA, Canada

Mrs Susan-Jean Pritchard – AUSTINMER

To better integrate volunteer canine search capabilities with emergency services for search response – UK, Northern Ireland, Switzerland, USA, NZ

Ms Alison Richardson – GLEBE

To explore disability led practices in theatre and investigate inclusive training and mentoring models - UK

Dr Mindy Sotiri – ENMORE

Research best-practice prisoner reintegration services delivered by community sector organisations – UK, USA

Dr Louis Wang – BELLEVUE HILL

Exploring optimal systems and partnerships to foster a local and national cardiac genomic network – USA, UK, Singapore

Dr Jodie Ward – HEATHCOTE

To investigate specialist DNA techniques for the identification of compromised human remains – USA, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Austria, France, Spain

Miss Shona Whitton – MANLY

To investigate and identify best practice methods of planning and managing disaster memorials – USA, UK, Norway, Germany

Mr Allan Young – ROSEVILLE

To identify the reasons for success or failure in relocation schemes for at-risk coastal communities – USA, Barbados, UK

Ms Judith Davidson – NORFOLK ISLAND

To research how a World Heritage Listed convict site utilises and promotes heritage values – Australia

